

2015-2016 Girl Scout Programs

Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum

Tickets for all Girl Scout events go live for purchase Tuesday, September 8 at noon.

Visit [The Alexandria Shop](#) and select events.

Please note purchases are non-refundable, but you can sell extra tickets to other troops on your own.

Questions? Contact Michele Longo at Michele.longo@alexandriavag.vo or 703.746.4739

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA

Tea with Martha Washington

Appropriate for Brownie, Junior, and Cadette Girl Scouts

Badges: can be used to complete the Junior's *Social Butterfly* badge or help with the Brownie's *Making Friends* badge

Description: Ever wonder how the *first* First Lady entertained her guests? What is the proper way to hold a teacup with no handles? Here is your chance to experience history with Martha Washington as she discusses 18th century tea customs as well as clothing of the period. Presentation by Mrs. Washington immediately followed by tea, during which Mrs. Washington will visit each table. 18th century tea includes the museum's special blend of tea, pound cake, dried fruit, and assortment of cookies. Ideal for Girl Scout groups (etiquette helps meet some badge requirements) and families with kids grades 2nd and older. Party attire requested.

Dates: Saturday, February 20; Sunday, February 21*

Times: all are from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person for groups of 6 or more (please note, our tables seat up to 8 each); smaller groups are \$25 each. Adults must purchase tickets and one adult per 7 girls is required.

*Can't make one of these dates, want to bring Daisies, or have a large group? Private teas with costumed staff (not Mrs. Washington) are available for booking. Cost is \$250 for up to 10 people; additional adults \$10 each and additional girls \$15 each. Tea includes tour of museum and craft in addition to tea. Email Michele.longo@alexandriavag.gov to reserve or with questions.

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Preparing for a Ball

Appropriate for Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts

Description: Balls were a girl's favorite thing to do in the 18th century. Explore the tavern where famous balls like George Washington's Birthnight Ball were held and practice the tasks involved in preparing for a ball. Includes an 18th century dance lesson and a craft to take home! Hour program begins at 10:30 a.m. with a new group starting every 45 minutes; last program begins at 3:15 p.m.

Dates: Saturday, January 23

Times: Groups at 10:30, 11:15, noon, 1, 1:45, 2:30, and 3:15

Cost: \$6 per person; troops must have min. of two adults attending. All adults must have ticket.

Group Size: Max. of 40 people per time, no minimum.

Playing the Past Kit

Appropriate for Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts

Badges: Completes the *Playing the Past* badge for Juniors. Completes portions of Brownie *Snacks* and *Dancer* badges and Junior *Simple Meals* and *Scribe* badges.

Description: Recreating an 18th-century ball is a fun way to learn about history by doing. This binder walks your Girl Scout troop through all of the steps, from researching a character and making clothes to recipes,

games, and dances for the big event. A great way to bring together what your girls have been learning during their Colonial unit! The binder includes multiple options for each step so leaders can easily tailor the level of difficulty and time spent to the needs of their group. Kit includes reproducible shopping lists and recipes, a DVD dance lesson, and the materials needed for 18th century games. Groups must provide their own craft and food supplies.

Cost: \$20 for 2 month rental, covers shipping to troop leader.

Email Michele.longo@alexandriava.gov to reserve or with questions

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA

Wonders of Science

Appropriate for Brownie, Junior, and Cadette Girl Scouts

Description: Visit the Apothecary and discover curious objects, from poison bottles to dragon's blood, and find out how they were used – and if they worked! During these hour-long tours, discover curious objects, from poison bottles to dragon's blood, and find out how they were used – and if they worked! As part of the tour, Project Enlightenment, McLean High School's historical-reenactment society, will conduct 18th century scientific demonstrations which are certain to expand visitors' knowledge about science in the 1700s. The girls will leave inspired by the high school students (many of them girls too) and the fun they had with science and history.

Dates: Sundays, January 31 and February 28

Times: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. New group begins every 30 minutes

Cost: \$6 per person, troops must have 2 adults

Group Size: Max. of 16 people per group

Mad Science

Appropriate for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts

Badges: Completes all but Static Electricity activity for Brownie *Home Scientist* badge

Description: What do super heroes, crazy animals, and explosions have in common? A mad scientist probably made them! Come to the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum to explore where real science and mad science collide. 1 hour tours feature historic medicines with surprising side effects and the Museum's very own mad scientist bringing to life some crazy concoctions and the science behind them. Includes hands-on science experiments and a craft.

Date: Sundays, October 25 and April 10

Times: 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. New group begins every 30 minutes

Cost: \$6 per person, troops must have 2 adults

Group size: Max. of 16 people per group

Potions and Lotions

Appropriate for Brownie, Junior, and Cadette Girl Scouts

Description: For those desiring a magical experience, the Apothecary offers an hour-long "Potions and Lotions" program for groups. Visitors tour the museum and then mix their own bottle of lotion to take home. Very adaptable for various age groups and interests, with Harry Potter and recognizable herbs/plants being two popular themes.

Cost: \$6 per girl and \$3 per adult

Email lauren.gleason@alexandriava.gov to reserve a date and time.